

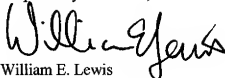
REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 26, 2003 with claims 1-29. Claims 1-29 are pending and claims 1, 15, and 29 are the pending independent claims. Dependent claims 4, 7, and 10 have been amended. In this response, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-29 have been canceled without prejudice and Applicants preserve their right to file one or more continuing applications directed toward the canceled claims.

In the outstanding Office Action dated July 18, 2007, the Examiner: (i) rejected claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-17, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent App. Pub. 2004/0025088 to Avvari et al. (hereinafter "Avvari") in view of U.S. Patent App. Pub. 2002/0053043 to Friedman et al. (hereinafter "Friedman"); and (ii) objected to claims 4, 7, 10, 18, 21, and 24 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 4, 7, and 10 to independent form and canceled claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11-29 without prejudice and solely in order to expedite the application to allowance. In light of these amendments, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the objection and § 103 rejection.

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